

SECTION 4 - AGENCY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

4.1 Agency Coordination and Participation

The Michigan Department of Transportation has coordinated with the following agencies and government units concerning the proposed replacement of the Fort Street Bascule Bridge:

- Federal Highway Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- City of Detroit
- Southend Neighborhood City Hall
- Southwest Neighborhood City Hall
- Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Correspondence from resource agencies is included in Appendix C.

4.2 Public Involvement

A public hearing on the proposed project will be held after the Environmental Assessment has been approved and made available to the public. MDOT will complete the environmental review process by requesting a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from FHWA upon public and agency concurrence that the project does not have significant impacts.

SECTION 5 - PROJECT COSTS

5.1 Project Costs

The estimated cost for constructing the replacement bridge is approximately \$35 million (2004) dollars. The cost includes right-of-way acquisition, design, engineering, construction of the bridge and approaches, and intersection improvements at Fort Street and Oakwood Boulevard.

SECTION 6 - CONCLUSION

6.1 Conclusion

The Michigan Department of Transportation has reviewed this project for potential impacts on the human and natural environments. Based on the information in this Environmental Assessment, field reviews, and coordination with other agencies and the public, it is anticipated that this project will have no long-term significant negative impacts on the natural or human environment within the project area.